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1. GEORGE DROSSOS' JUNE 21 KATHIMERINI COLUMN ON CYPRUS ALSO
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CAUSED A MINOR FLURRY IN GREECE AS WELL AS CYPRUS. THERE WAS
CONSIDERABLE PRESS COMMENT, AND UDC DEPUTY CONSTANTINE BANDOUVAS
ACCUSED DROSSOS IN PARLIAMENT OF BEING AN AGENT OF THE GREEK
SECRET SERVICE AND OF ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE GOG. DROSSOS IS
SUEING BANDOUVAS FOR SLANDER, BUT OTHERWISE THE INCIDENT HAS
DIED HERE.

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2. DROSSOS IS A WELL-KNOWN COLUMNIST WITH WIDE ACCESS THROUGHOUT GREECE. A FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION IN THE TSALDARIS GOVERNMENT (1947), DROSSOS WAS AN UNSUCCESSFUL NEW DEMOCRACY PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE IN THE 1977 ELECTIONS. HE HAS ON OCCASION BEEN USED TO FLOAT TRIAL BALLOONS BY THE GOG, BUT APPARENTLY IT WAS NOT THE CASE IN THIS INSTANCE. DROSSOS TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE HE HAD WRITTEN THE COLUMN AS A WHIMSICAL PIECE BECAUSE OF HIS PERSONAL FEELING THAT GREEKS WERE BLINDED BY EMOTION REGARDING THE CYPRUS QUESTION. AMONG THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A CYPRUS SOLUTION HE HAD ANALYZED IN THE COLUMN WAS THE PROPOSAL FOR DE FACTO PARTITION WHICH, HE CLAIMED, HE HAD REJECTED SUBSEQUENTLY. HOWEVER, DROSSOS MUSED, THE ANGUISHED OUTCRY AGAINST HIM FULLY JUSTIFIED HIS CONCLUSION THAT GREEK PUBLIC OPINION IS TOTALLY IRRATIONAL ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION.
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